



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BRIEFING



Past Virginia BRAC Activities *Vulnerabilities & Opportunities*

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Purpose of Brief

- ❖ Discussion Based
- ❖ BRAC Criteria
- ❖ DoD Recommendations



BRAC Criteria – 1993, 1995, 2005

❖ Military Value

1. Operational Readiness
2. Availability and Condition of Land
3. Ability to Accommodate Total Force Requirements
4. Cost and Manpower

❖ Other Considerations

5. Timing of Potential Cost Savings
6. Economic Impact on Community
7. Infrastructure Sustainability
8. Environmental Impact



Recommendations – 1993 & 1995 BRAC

❖ 1993 BRAC (SecDef Leslie Aspin, Jr.)

- 26 Realignments / 11 Closures
- DoD recommended realignment of Naval Submarine Base New London, Connecticut to Naval Station, Norfolk. Commission rejected recommendation (deviated from 2, 4, and 5).

❖ 1995 BRAC (SecDef William J. Perry)

- 2 Realignments / 3 Closures



Recommendations – 2005 BRAC

- ❖ 2005 BRAC (SecDef Donald Rumsfeld)
 - 4 Realignments / 1 Closure
 - Joint Bases: A thing of the past???
 - DoD recommended closure of Naval Submarine Base New London, Connecticut; relocate specific functions to Norfolk. Commission rejected recommendation (deviated from 1); realigned New London and consolidated Navy Regions.



Recommendations – 2005 BRAC

❖ 2005 BRAC (SecDef Donald Rumsfeld)

- DoD recommended closure of Naval Shipyard Portsmouth in Maine; relocate ship depot repair function to Naval Shipyard Norfolk. Commission rejected recommendation (deviated from 3).
- DoD recommended realignment of NSWC Dahlgren; relocate gun and ammunition research and development to Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. Commission rejected recommendation for Dahlgren only (deviated from 1).



Recommendations – 2005 BRAC

❖ 2005 BRAC (SecDef Donald Rumsfeld)

- DoD recommended realignment of Fort Eustis; relocate Aviation Logistics School to Fort Rucker, Alabama. Commission rejected recommendation (deviated from 4 and 5).
- *DoD made no recommendation.* Commission recommended realignment of Oceana if the Commonwealth, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake fail to enact and enforce encroachment legislation by March 2006.
- DoD recommended moving out of lease space and move DoD personnel “behind the wire”



Conclusion – 1993, 1995, 2005 BRAC

- ❖ Criteria likely to remain the same
- ❖ NAS Oceana recommended by Commission
- ❖ DoD fixated on New London
- ❖ Dahlgren overlooked in 2005
- ❖ No findings to support major closings or realignments based on past recommendations
- ❖ Sequestration is the game changer. Back-door BRAC!



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